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## (I) POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS

Table 1 - POPULATION

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 660,700 | 673,800 | 683,500 | 691,900 |
| April | 663,300 | 675,900 | 685,200 | 693,200 |
| June | 665,200 | 677,300 | 686,400 | |
| July | 666,200 | 678,200 | 687,100 | |
| October | 670,800 | 681,200 | 689,800 | |
| (April/April) | (+1.6) | (+1.9) | (+1.4) | (+1.2) |

Source: Statistics Canada 91-001.

Table 2 - MARRIAGES
(number)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 150 | | | |
| February | 208 | (520) | (490) | (450) |
| March | 259 | | | |
| April | 308 | | | |
| May | 597 | (1,780) | (1,740) | |
| June | 722 | | | |
| July | 851 | | | |
| August | 1,043 | (2,580) | (2,440) | |
| September | 536 | | | |
| October | 553 | | | |
| November | 391 | (1,240) | (1,190) | |
| December | 327 | | | |
| Total | 5,945 | 6,120 | 5,860 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | -2.7 | +2.9 | -4.2 | (-8.2) |

Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 3 - BIRTHS
(number)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | | | | |
| February | (2,839) | (3,100) | (3,130) | (2,820) |
| March | | | | |
| April | | | | |
| May | (3,069) | (3,190) | (3,290) | |
| June | | | | |
| July | | | | |
| August | (3,035) | (3,140) | (3,130) | |
| September | | | | |
| October | | | | |
| November | (2,832) | (2,630) | (2,680) | |
| December | | | | |
| Total | 11,775 | 12,060 | 12,230 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | +2.9 | +2.4 | +1.4 | (-9.9) |

Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 84-202.

Table 4 - DEATHS
(number)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 454 | | | |
| February | 477 | (1,440) | (1,400) | (1,490) |
| March | 468 | | | |
| April | 426 | | | |
| May | 382 | (1,310) | (1,370) | |
| June | 388 | | | |
| July | 434 | | | |
| August | 415 | (1,110) | (1,310) | |
| September | 401 | | | |
| October | 410 | | | |
| November | 441 | (1,300) | (1,220) | |
| December | 454 | | | |
| Total | 5,150 | 5,202[1] | 5,300 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | -1.1 | +1.0 | +1.9 | (+6.4) |

[1]Annual total contains revisions not shown in quarterly data.
Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 84-202.

(II) LABOUR

Table 5 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES
(million dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 137.3 | 157.1 | 173.0 | 186.8 |
| February | 135.9 | 157.8 | 171.5 | 189.2 |
| March | 140.1 | 162.7 | 178.2 | 191.0 |
| April | 143.6 | 164.2 | 174.5 | |
| May | 161.2 | 171.6 | 181.0 | |
| June | 163.2 | 181.5 | 192.8 | |
| July | 168.0 | 184.3 | 196.5 | |
| August | 170.5 | 182.5 | 196.0 | |
| September | 171.0 | 185.9 | 195.0 | |
| October | 168.6 | 179.3 | 193.2 | |
| November | 164.8 | 179.3 | 189.7 | |
| December | 158.3 | 179.3 | 188.5 | |
| Total | 1,882.5 | 2,085.4 | 2,229.9 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | +22.4 | +10.8 | +6.9 | (+8.5) |

Source: Statistics Canada 72-005.

Table 6 - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES[1]
(dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 174.41 | 194.95 | 223.55 | 232.34 |
| February | 174.97 | 197.58 | 223.62 | 232.79 |
| March | 180.45 | 201.01 | 224.90 | 234.08 |
| April | 181.24 | 199.68 | 223.39 | 229.89 |
| May | 179.41 | 196.58 | 218.51 | |
| June | 179.75 | 200.71 | 220.11 | |
| July | 182.15 | 202.22 | 221.75 | |
| August | 182.39 | 202.49 | 220.70 | |
| September | 184.42 | 204.41 | 224.71 | |
| October | 190.37 | 208.24 | 226.61 | |
| November | 190.58 | 211.38 | 226.96 | |
| December | 188.69 | 211.47 | 225.29 | |
| Average | 182.40 | 202.56 | 223.34 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +18.0 | +11.0 | +10.3 | (+3.8) |

[1]Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.
Source: Statistics Canada 72-002.

Table 7 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX[1]
(1961 = 100)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 127.1 | 126.7 | 122.2 | 122.1 |
| February | 125.1 | 124.9 | 120.8 | 122.1 |
| March | 125.3 | 126.3 | 120.7 | 122.0 |
| April | 127.5 | 127.7 | 122.5 | 123.4 |
| May | 137.8 | 137.2 | 131.3 | |
| June | 145.4 | 144.1 | 140.9 | |
| July | 147.5 | 144.4 | 141.8 | |
| August | 149.0 | 146.5 | 141.1 | |
| September | 148.3 | 143.2 | 138.5 | |
| October | 138.1 | 137.3 | 134.6 | |
| November | 133.7 | 133.9 | 132.0 | |
| December | 128.4 | 128.2 | 126.9 | |
| Average | 136.1 | 135.0 | 131.1 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +1.3 | -0.8 | -3.0 | (+0.7) |

[1]Covers only firms with 20 or more employees.
Source: Statistics Canada 72-002.

Table 8 - UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYMENTS
(thousand dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 15,800 | 17,178 | 22,153 | 29,555 |
| February | 14,214 | 17,715 | 20,888 | 26,063 |
| March | 14,905 | 22,366 | 24,701 | |
| April | 18,361 | 17,907 | 21,771 | |
| May | 14,353 | 17,019 | 23,157 | |
| June | 10,850 | 13,299 | 15,156 | |
| July | 11,209 | 10,610 | 12,770 | |
| August | 8,742 | 12,721 | 14,989 | |
| September | 9,432 | 10,004 | 11,928 | |
| October | 8,180 | 10,017 | 14,817 | |
| November | 10,052 | 15,389 | 17,963 | |
| December | 15,761 | 16,919 | 20,442 | |
| Total | 151,860 | 181,144 | 220,734 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Feb.) | +44.7 | +19.3 | +21.9 | (+29.2) |

Source: Statistics Canada 73-001.

Table 9 - LABOUR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
(thousands)

| Month | Labour Force | | | Employment | | | Unemployment | | | Unemployment Rate | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
| January | 245 | 248 | 259 | 215 | 212 | 223 | 30 | 37 | 36 | 12.2 | 14.7 | 14.0 |
| February | 245 | 248 | 260 | 215 | 210 | 220 | 31 | 37 | 40 | 12.6 | 15.1 | 15.3 |
| March | 242 | 250 | 262 | 212 | 210 | 222 | 31 | 41 | 40 | 12.6 | 16.2 | 15.2 |
| April | 248 | 250 | 264 | 215 | 212 | 221 | 33 | 38 | 43 | 13.2 | 15.2 | 16.3 |
| May | 264 | 269 | 283 | 231 | 232 | 244 | 32 | 36 | 38 | 12.2 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| June | 273 | 278 | | 245 | 245 | | 29 | 33 | | 10.4 | 11.8 | |
| July | 280 | 292 | | 252 | 257 | | 28 | 35 | | 10.0 | 12.0 | |
| August | 282 | 292 | | 256 | 258 | | 26 | 34 | | 9.3 | 11.6 | |
| September | 271 | 277 | | 245 | 246 | | 26 | 31 | | 9.4 | 11.3 | |
| October | 266 | 276 | | 240 | 243 | | 26 | 34 | | 9.6 | 12.1 | |
| November | 260 | 270 | | 232 | 233 | | 27 | 36 | | 10.6 | 13.5 | |
| December | 255 | 266 | | 225 | 228 | | 30 | 38 | | 11.8 | 14.2 | |
| Average | 261 | 268 | | 232 | 232 | | 29 | 36 | | 11.1 | 13.4 | |
| % Change (Jan.-May) | +2.8 | +2.7 | (+5.0) | +1.3 | 0.0 | (+5.0) | +16.0 | +24.1 | (+4.2) | | | |

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.

(III) PRIMARY INDUSTRY

Table 10 - FARM CASH RECEIPTS FROM FARMING OPERATIONS
(thousand dollars)

| Quarter | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1st Quarter | 19,550 | 30,549 | 29,500 | 25,685 |
| 2nd Quarter | 21,680 | 29,551 | 28,771 | |
| 3rd Quarter | 25,292 | 23,895 | 25,096 | |
| 4th Quarter | 33,521 | 29,210 | 26,212 | |
| Total | 100,043 | 113,205 | 109,579 | |
| % Change (1Q/1Q) | -3.1 | +13.2 | -3.2 | (-12.9) |

Sources: Statistics Canada 21-001 & 21-201.

Table 11 - SOURCES OF FARM CASH RECEIPTS
(thousand dollars)
(Jan.-Mar.)

| | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|
| Oats | 78 | 54 |
| Potatoes | 12,875 | 7,402 |
| Fruits | - | - |
| Vegetables | 228 | 254 |
| Other Crops | 1,371 | 1,244 |
| Total Crops | 14,552 | 8,954 |
| Cattle and Calves | 1,945 | 3,544 |
| Hogs | 1,407 | 1,588 |
| Sheep and Lambs | 32 | 52 |
| Dairy Products | 5,193 | 5,584 |
| Poultry | 3,098 | 2,757 |
| Eggs | 1,847 | 1,576 |
| Other Livestock and Products | 357 | 390 |
| Total Livestock and Products | 13,879 | 15,491 |
| Forest and Maple Products | 754 | 873 |
| Other Payments | 295 | 241 |
| Deficiency Payments | 20 | 126 |
| Total Cash Receipts | 29,500 | 25,685 |

Source: Statistics Canada 21-001.

Table 12 - PULPWOOD PRODUCTION - DOMESTIC USE
(thousand cunits)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 185.7 | 80.6 | 136.0 | 115.0 |
| February | 147.6 | 63.3 | 107.1 | 112.6 |
| March | 99.8 | 125.2 | 87.5 | 120.9 |
| April | 60.0 | 73.4 | 64.3 | 82.0 |
| May | 59.5 | 80.4 | 99.8 | |
| June | 187.1 | 208.6 | 192.7 | |
| July | 319.9 | 245.9 | 285.3 | |
| August | 222.3 | 220.9 | 263.0 | |
| September | 251.1 | 258.6 | 266.2 | |
| October | 225.5 | 204.6 | 173.6 | |
| November | 157.6 | 202.6 | 248.6 | |
| December | 97.2 | 137.0 | 159.3 | |
| Total | 2,013.3 | 1,901.1 | 2,083.4 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | -20.7 | -5.6 | +9.6 | (+9.0) |

Source: Statistics Canada 25-001.

Table 13 - COAL PRODUCTION
(thousand tons)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 34.3 | 48.9 | 28.0 | 34.0 |
| February | 40.8 | 40.8 | 36.2 | 28.4 |
| March | 35.0 | 31.1 | 32.3 | 26.4 |
| April | 49.8 | 41.3 | 35.4 | |
| May | 41.6 | 53.2 | 18.6 | |
| June | 38.9 | 46.6 | 30.1 | |
| July | 34.2 | 37.9 | 28.8 | |
| August | 40.3 | 37.1 | 32.8 | |
| September | 45.6 | 33.6 | 30.2 | |
| October | 38.6 | 29.0 | 27.1 | |
| November | 26.9 | 42.0 | 27.0 | |
| December | 40.0 | 32.3 | 18.2 | |
| Total | 465.8 | 474.0 | 344.7 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | +12.2 | +1.8 | -27.3 | (-8.0) |

Source: Department of Natural Resources, Mines Branch.

Table 14 - VOLUME OF SEA FISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(metric tons)
(Jan.-Mar.)

| Species | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|
| Groundfish, Total | | 104 |
| Cod | | 5 |
| Redfish | | - |
| Flounders & Soles | | 8 |
| Other | | 91 |
| Pelagic & Estuarial, Total | | 1,299 |
| Herring | | 806 |
| Tuna | | - |
| Other | N. A. | 493 |
| Molluscs & Crustaceans, Total | | 47 |
| Lobster | | 9 |
| Crabs | | - |
| Shrimp | | - |
| Other | | 38 |
| Viscera | | - |
| Total Sea Fish Landings | | 1,450 |

Source: Statistics Canada 24-002.

Table 15 - VALUE OF SEA FISH LANDINGS BY SPECIES
(thousand dollars)
(Jan.-Mar.)

| Species | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|
| Groundfish, Total | | 17 |
| Cod | | 2 |
| Redfish | | - |
| Flounders & Soles | | 3 |
| Other | | 12 |
| Pelagic & Estuarial, Total | | 304 |
| Herring | | 122 |
| Tuna | | - |
| Other | N. A. | 182 |
| Molluscs & Crustaceans, Total | | 78 |
| Lobster | | 60 |
| Crabs | | - |
| Shrimp | | - |
| Other | | 18 |
| Viscera | | - |
| Total Sea Fish Landings | | 399 |

Source: Statistics Canada 24-002.

## (IV) MANUFACTURING

Table 16 - GROSS VALUE OF MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS
(million dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 132.3 | 136.3 | 154.5 | 166.3 |
| February | 126.2 | 129.3 | 172.0 | 162.2 |
| March | 138.2 | 153.8 | 182.3 | 189.3 |
| April | 134.7 | 156.8 | 169.2 | 190.0 |
| May | 149.9 | 165.6 | 178.5 | |
| June | 141.4 | 167.2 | 179.6 | |
| July | 133.7 | 154.3 | 170.5 | |
| August | 142.1 | 158.7 | 173.9 | |
| September | 141.7 | 160.4 | 191.3 | |
| October | 144.3 | 149.3 | 166.0 | |
| November | 144.1 | 161.1 | 182.4 | |
| December | 142.5 | 166.7 | 180.3 | |
| Total | 1,671.3 | 1,859.5 | 2,100.5 | |
| %Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +5.4 | +11.3 | +13.0 | (+4.4) |

Source: Statistics Canada 31-001.

Table 17 - PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTION INDEX
(1953 = 100)

| Quarter | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan.-Mar. | 289.4 | 256.3 | 216.7 | 253.3 |
| Apr.-June | 303.2 | 258.5 | 291.3 | 278.3 |
| July-Sept. | 283.2 | 246.8 | 278.1 | 237.8 |
| Oct.-Dec. | 291.5 | 203.2 | 271.6 | 262.1 |
| Average | 291.8 | 241.2 | 264.4 | 257.9 |
| % Change | +5.5 | -17.3 | +9.6 | -2.5 |

Source: Based on data from the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

Table 18 - SAWN LUMBER PRODUCTION
(million feet board measure)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 14.4 | 17.2 | 24.6 | 22.6 |
| February | 16.5 | 22.0 | 23.4 | 26.5 |
| March | 18.0 | 26.1 | 24.3 | 31.3 |
| April | 19.3 | 26.9 | 24.2 | |
| May | 23.6 | 27.4 | 22.2 | |
| June | 21.3 | 26.7 | 24.3 | |
| July | 22.0 | 23.1 | 19.9 | |
| August | 23.7 | 30.5 | 23.9 | |
| September | 23.4 | 34.2 | 26.3 | |
| October | 29.4 | 31.6 | 34.0 | |
| November | 22.4 | 30.5 | 33.9 | |
| December | 22.3 | 24.6 | 26.9 | |
| Total | 256.3 | 320.8 | 307.9 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | -17.5 | +25.2 | -4.0 | (+11.2) |

Sources: Statistics Canada 35-002 & 11-003.

## (V) UTILITIES

Table 19 - NET ELECTRIC ENERGY USED
(million kilowatt hours)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 638 | 668 | 817 | 763 |
| February | 588 | 611 | 693 | 711 |
| March | 642 | 674 | 719 | 750 |
| April | 548 | 611 | 682 | |
| May | 535 | 579 | 607 | |
| June | 491 | 556 | 581 | |
| July | 481 | 541 | 504 | |
| August | 483 | 547 | 565 | |
| September | 495 | 556 | 556 | |
| October | 552 | 639 | 659 | |
| November | 542 | 744 | 660 | |
| December | 644 | 789 | 767 | |
| Total | 6,637 | 7,516 | 7,810 | |
| % Change | +5.0 | +13.2 | +3.9 | |
| (Jan.-Mar.) | | | | (-0.2) |

Source: Statistics Canada 57-001.

Table 20 - NET ELECTRICITY PROVIDED BY NBEPC FOR CONSUMPTION
(million kilowatt hours)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 553 | 561 | 695 | 736 |
| February | 506 | 547 | 621 | 644 |
| March | 523 | 570 | 621 | 668 |
| April | 470 | 520 | 564 | 589 |
| May | 450 | 486 | 552 | 556 |
| June | 427 | 458 | 509 | |
| July | 419 | 440 | 438 | |
| August | 435 | 478 | 503 | |
| September | 422 | 504 | 491 | |
| October | 476 | 550 | 575 | |
| November | 463 | 591 | 580 | |
| December | 564 | 681 | 669 | |
| Total | 5,708 | 6,350[1] | 6,818 | |
| % Change | +4.6 | +11.2 | +7.4 | |
| (Jan.-May) | | | | (+4.6) |

[1]Annual total contains revisions not shown in monthly data.
Source: The New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

Table 21 - LONG DISTANCE CALLS ORIGINATING IN NEW BRUNSWICK
(thousands)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1,793 | 2,019 | 2,150 | 2,324 |
| February | 1,687 | 1,994 | 2,027 | 2,163 |
| March | 1,883 | 2,166 | 2,310 | 2,445 |
| April | 1,997 | 2,104 | 2,178 | 2,392 |
| May | 2,050 | 2,162 | 2,384 | |
| June | 2,075 | 2,293 | 2,478 | |
| July | 2,220 | 2,227 | 2,370 | |
| August | 2,135 | 2,303 | 2,563 | |
| September | 2,128 | 2,223 | 2,417 | |
| October | 2,223 | 2,220 | 2,369 | |
| November | 2,117 | 2,218 | 2,361 | |
| December | 2,186 | 2,251 | 2,346 | |
| Total | 24,495 | 26,180 | 27,953 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +19.4 | +6.9 | +6.8 | (+7.6) |

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

Table 22 - TELEPHONES IN SERVICE
(thousands)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 303 | 322 | 333 | 344 |
| February | 305 | 322 | 334 | 345 |
| March | 306 | 323 | 335 | 346 |
| April | 308 | 323 | 335 | 347 |
| May | 309 | 324 | 336 | |
| June | 311 | 324 | 337 | |
| July | 312 | 325 | 337 | |
| August | 313 | 326 | 338 | |
| September | 315 | 329 | 340 | |
| October | 317 | 330 | 341 | |
| November | 319 | 331 | 342 | |
| December | 321 | 332 | 343 | |
| Average | 312 | 326 | 338 | |
| % Change (Apr./Apr.) | +7.2 | +4.5 | +3.7 | (+3.6) |

Source: The New Brunswick Telephone Company Limited.

(VI) CONSTRUCTION

Table 23 - HOUSING STARTS AND HOUSES UNDER CONSTRUCTION
(all areas)
(number)

| Quarter | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) Starts | | | | |
| 1st Quarter | 284 | 466 | 206 | 567 |
| 2nd Quarter | 2,415 | 3,113 | 1,540 | |
| 3rd Quarter | 2,477 | 2,202 | 1,743 | |
| 4th Quarter | 1,807 | 991 | 819 | |
| Total | 6,983 | 6,772 | 4,308 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | +19.1 | -3.0 | -36.4 | (+175.2) |
| (B) Under Construction | | | | |
| March 31 | 2,798 | 3,504 | 2,435 | 1,845 |
| June 30 | 3,990 | 4,776 | 2,830 | |
| September 30 | 4,842 | 5,368 | 3,567 | |
| December 31 | 4,463 | 3,873 | 2,709 | |
| % Change (Mar./Mar.) | (-17.8) | (+25.2) | (-30.5) | (-24.2) |

Source: Statistics Canada 64-002.

Table 24 - BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED[1]
(thousand dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 11,592 | 8,816 | 4,767 | 3,270 |
| February | 15,449 | 10,157 | 7,667 | 9,230 |
| March | 5,516 | 11,111 | 5,647 | 9,782 |
| April | 14,071 | 40,218 | 14,400 | |
| May | 26,995 | 29,662 | 25,623 | |
| June | 20,466 | 25,944 | 22,823 | |
| July | 31,410 | 28,946 | 13,280 | |
| August | 23,197 | 22,860 | 23,793 | |
| September | 21,851 | 19,998 | 14,819 | |
| October | 24,259 | 26,091 | 11,929 | |
| November | 17,986 | 18,18[illegible] | 21,020 | |
| December | 19,005 | 9,352 | 12,469 | |
| Total | 231,797 | 251,340 | 178,237 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | +38.3 | +8.4 | -29.1 | (+23.2) |

[1] Does not cover engineering projects (roads, bridges, dams, etc.) nor non-urban construction.
Source: Statistics Canada 64-001.

## (VII) TRADE AND FINANCE

Table 25 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(thousand dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 84,397 | 95,643 | 99,441 | 107,281 |
| February | 84,222 | 96,166 | 98,947 | 110,340 |
| March | 94,835 | 110,244 | 116,859 | 133,492 |
| April | 103,993 | 128,904 | 130,566 | |
| May | 119,825 | 128,997 | 134,339 | |
| June | 115,314 | 135,927 | 138,014 | |
| July | 119,551 | 133,837 | 136,892 | |
| August | 117,066 | 122,975 | 133,258 | |
| September | 110,784 | 123,319 | 127,230 | |
| October | 121,448 | 131,985 | 136,460 | |
| November | 120,568 | 129,392 | 142,365 | |
| December | 146,337 | 157,272 | 170,176 | |
| Total | 1,338,340 | 1,494,661 | 1,564,547 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Mar.) | +17.3 | +11.7 | +4.7 | (+11.4) |

Source: Statistics Canada 63-005.

Table 26 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (SAINT JOHN)
(1971 = 100)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 131.2 | 144.2 | 152.1 | 165.3 |
| February | 132.3 | 144.6 | 153.8 | 166.4 |
| March | 133.5 | 145.5 | 155.8 | 167.9 |
| April | 134.0 | 146.2 | 157.1 | 168.9 |
| May | 135.5 | 147.2 | 158.0 | |
| June | 137.0 | 147.8 | 158.9 | |
| July | 139.3 | 148.5 | 159.9 | |
| August | 142.3 | 149.0 | 161.1 | |
| September | 141.9 | 149.8 | 162.3 | |
| October | 142.4 | 150.1 | 162.9 | |
| November | 143.4 | 151.0 | 164.1 | |
| December | 143.9 | 152.0 | 164.9 | |
| Average Index | 138.1 | 148.0 | 159.2 | |
| % Change (Apr./Apr.) | +11.6 | +7.2 | +7.6 | (+7.5) |

Source: Statistics Canada 62-002.

Table 27 - VALUE OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES
(thousand dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 8,659 | 10,261 | 12,357 | 13,786 |
| February | 11,077 | 13,756 | 14,259 | 16,235 |
| March | 15,111 | 19,186 | 20,686 | 21,284 |
| April | 18,816 | 22,355 | 21,423 | 27,487 |
| May | 19,528 | 21,205 | 24,516 | |
| June | 21,427 | 22,121 | 23,746 | |
| July | 16,876 | 17,758 | 16,642 | |
| August | 14,362 | 14,855 | 16,407 | |
| September | 12,444 | 12,183 | 13,713 | |
| October | 17,586 | 22,381 | 20,011 | |
| November | 15,026 | 14,982 | 18,414 | |
| December | 14,208 | 12,180 | 11,440 | |
| Total | 185,120 | 203,223 | 213,614 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +15.7 | +9.8 | +5.1 | (+14.6) |

Source: Statistics Canada 63-007.

Table 28 - NUMBER OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| All Vehicles | | | | |
| January | 1,762 | 1,721 | 2,058 | 2,135 |
| February | 2,229 | 2,369 | 2,383 | 2,526 |
| March | 2,933 | 3,435 | 3,408 | 3,276 |
| April | 3,688 | 3,963 | 3,664 | 4,224 |
| May | 3,829 | 3,727 | 4,123 | |
| June | 3,890 | 3,807 | 3,915 | |
| July | 3,203 | 3,066 | 2,910 | |
| August | 2,689 | 2,596 | 2,668 | |
| September | 2,297 | 2,085 | 2,195 | |
| October | 3,211 | 3,753 | 3,241 | |
| November | 2,726 | 2,471 | 2,797 | |
| December | 2,562 | 2,012 | 1,833 | |
| Total | 35,019 | 35,005 | 35,195 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | -0.2 | 0.0 | +0.5 | (+5.6) |

- CONTINUED -

Table 28 - (CONTINUED)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Passenger Vehicles** | | | | |
| January | 1,235 | 1,188 | 1,429 | 1,414 |
| February | 1,680 | 1,758 | 1,736 | 1,835 |
| March | 2,098 | 2,592 | 2,442 | 2,390 |
| April | 2,749 | 2,967 | 2,786 | 3,022 |
| May | 2,912 | 2,841 | 3,067 | |
| June | 2,868 | 2,749 | 2,901 | |
| July | 2,374 | 2,234 | 2,123 | |
| August | 1,958 | 1,890 | 1,856 | |
| September | 1,656 | 1,550 | 1,546 | |
| October | 2,370 | 2,624 | 2,207 | |
| November | 1,958 | 1,716 | 1,973 | |
| December | 1,888 | 1,426 | 1,242 | |
| Total | 25,746 | 25,535 | 25,308 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | -1.4 | -0.8 | -0.9 | (+3.2) |
| **Commercial Vehicles** | | | | |
| January | 527 | 533 | 629 | 721 |
| February | 549 | 611 | 646 | 691 |
| March | 835 | 843 | 966 | 886 |
| April | 939 | 996 | 878 | 1,202 |
| May | 917 | 886 | 1,056 | |
| June | 1,022 | 1,058 | 1,014 | |
| July | 829 | 832 | 787 | |
| August | 731 | 706 | 812 | |
| September | 641 | 535 | 649 | |
| October | 841 | 1,129 | 1,035 | |
| November | 768 | 755 | 824 | |
| December | 674 | 586 | 591 | |
| Total | 9,273 | 9,470 | 9,887 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +3.4 | +2.1 | +4.4 | (+12.2) |

Source: Statistics Canada 63-007.

Table 29 - LIFE INSURANCE SALES
(million dollars)

| Month | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 19.5 | 23.8 | 31.2 | 29.4 |
| February | 24.6 | 26.3 | 37.0 | 40.5 |
| March | 27.8 | 25.9 | 40.4 | 46.0 |
| April | 24.8 | 32.6 | 34.0 | 32.3 |
| May | 33.6 | 30.8 | 39.5 | 39.1 |
| June | 31.6 | 36.4 | 39.6 | 42.4 |
| July | 28.2 | 35.0 | 31.9 | 36.3 |
| August | 27.1 | 28.3 | 36.7 | 39.1 |
| September | 26.8 | 36.5 | 36.0 | 43.1 |
| October | 35.1 | 40.4 | 37.5 | 47.2 |
| November | 31.1 | 36.9 | 45.7 | |
| December | 32.1 | 44.1 | 44.6 | |
| Total | 342.3 | 394.6[1] | 454.1 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Oct.) | +32.4 | +15.3 | +15.1 | (+8.7) |

[1]Annual total contains revisions not shown in monthly data.
Source: Statistics Canada 11-003.

Table 30 - CHEQUES CASHED IN CLEARING HOUSES
(million dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 1,293.0 | 1,508.0 | 1,216.4 | 1,396.7 |
| February | 1,113.1 | 1,487.2 | 1,170.6 | 1,210.7 |
| March | 1,257.4 | 1,616.0 | 1,367.0 | 1,476.9 |
| April | 1,226.0 | 1,569.0 | 1,361.6 | 1,449.8 |
| May | 1,468.5 | 1,682.1 | 1,420.3 | |
| June | 1,563.6 | 1,638.9 | 1,452.1 | |
| July | 1,388.1 | 1,318.6 | 1,548.3 | |
| August | 1,205.5 | 1,318.7 | 1,565.1 | |
| September | 1,499.9 | 1,342.5 | 1,345.5 | |
| October | 1,587.3 | 1,358.2 | 1,489.1 | |
| November | 1,535.5 | 1,360.6 | 1,528.0 | |
| December | 1,568.6 | 1,397.6 | 1,590.4 | |
| Total | 16,706.6 | 17,597.4 | 17,054.5 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +37.3 | +5.3 | -3.0 | (+8.2) |

Source: Statistics Canada 61-001.

## (VIII) TRANSPORTATION

Table 31 - TOTAL PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR
(thousand cargo tons)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 432.4 | 548.1 | 655.4 | 813.9 |
| February | 512.2 | 451.1 | 481.2 | 832.3 |
| March | 502.8 | 507.7 | 842.0 | 1,166.7 |
| April | 480.8 | 577.2 | 778.9 | 909.0 |
| May | 583.6 | 437.1 | 635.3 | |
| June | 395.0 | 451.0 | 567.5 | |
| July | 383.4 | 456.6 | 552.6[1] | |
| August | 440.4 | 463.1 | 782.5 | |
| September | 464.9 | 585.1 | 751.0 | |
| October | 482.8 | 446.3 | 1,083.9 | |
| November | 393.6 | 593.6 | 838.0 | |
| December | 322.3 | 544.6 | 1,067.2 | |
| Total | 5,394.2 | 6,061.5 | 9,035.5 | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | -9.7 | +12.4 | +49.1 | (+35.0) |

Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

Table 32 - PORT TRAFFIC - SAINT JOHN HARBOUR
(thousand cargo tons)

| | Incoming Traffic | | | Outgoing Traffic | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Month | 1977 | 1978 | % Change | 1977 | 1978 | % Change |
| January | 134.0 | 456.7 | +240.8 | 521.0 | 357.3 | -31.4 |
| February | 112.6 | 463.0 | +311.2 | 368.5 | 368.3 | + 0.2 |
| March | 159.3 | 675.5 | +324.0 | 682.8 | 491.2 | -28.1 |
| April | 153.6 | 408.3 | +165.8 | 625.3 | 500.8 | -19.9 |
| May | 150.6 | | | 484.7 | | |
| June | 105.1 | | | 462.3 | | |
| July | 140.1 | | | 412.5 | | |
| August | 446.2[1] | | | 336.3 | | |
| September | 402.4 | | | 348.6 | | |
| October | 748.9 | | | 335.0 | | |
| November | 481.9 | | | 356.1 | | |
| December | 672.4 | | | 394.8 | | |
| Total | 3,707.1 | | | 5,327.9 | | |
| % Change (Jan.-Apr.) | +161.6 | (+258.1) | | +14.7 | (-21.8) | |

[1] Includes "Canaport" tonnage effective Aug. 10/77 coincidental with expansion of Harbour limits.
Source: National Harbours Board, Port of Saint John.

## (IX) SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Table 33 - EMPLOYMENT INDEX
(1961 = 100)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 136.2 | 135.3 | 130.9 | 130.8 |
| February | 135.6 | 135.4 | 130.8 | 132.3 |
| March | 135.0 | 136.1 | 130.0 | 131.4 |
| April | 136.3 | 136.5 | 130.9 | 131.9 |
| May | 136.8 | 136.1 | 130.2 | |
| June | 136.4 | 135.3 | 132.3 | |
| July | 137.2 | 134.3 | 131.9 | |
| August | 137.8 | 135.4 | 130.3 | |
| September | 140.5 | 135.6 | 131.2 | |
| October | 134.8 | 134.1 | 131.5 | |
| November | 132.3 | 132.7 | 130.8 | |
| December | 133.9 | 133.7 | 132.4 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 72-002.

Table 34 - TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES
(million dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 143.4 | 164.2 | 181.1 | 194.9 |
| February | 144.2 | 167.6 | 182.1 | 200.3 |
| March | 147.9 | 171.8 | 188.0 | 199.9 |
| April | 151.1 | 172.6 | 183.3 | |
| May | 162.0 | 172.4 | 181.7 | |
| June | 155.0 | 172.4 | 183.0 | |
| July | 158.9 | 174.3 | 185.7 | |
| August | 161.4 | 172.6 | 185.8 | |
| September | 163.5 | 177.7 | 186.2 | |
| October | 164.8 | 175.1 | 189.0 | |
| November | 164.3 | 178.9 | 189.0 | |
| December | 163.6 | 185.4 | 194.7 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 72-005.

Table 35 - VALUE OF RETAIL TRADE
(million dollars)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 105.7 | 118.5 | 128.3 | 139.8 |
| February | 109.1 | 122.4 | 126.6 | 141.1 |
| March | 103.5 | 119.2 | 126.5 | 142.1 |
| April | 104.1 | 126.7 | 127.6 | |
| May | 107.7 | 121.2 | 127.8 | |
| June | 108.1 | 125.2 | 127.0 | |
| July | 113.3 | 123.7 | 129.7 | |
| August | 114.7 | 123.3 | 130.2 | |
| September | 114.3 | 127.0 | 129.1 | |
| October | 114.7 | 127.0 | 133.5 | |
| November | 117.5 | 124.4 | 136.8 | |
| December | 121.9 | 128.1 | 137.4 | |

Sources: Statistics Canada 11-003 & 63-005.

Table 36 - LABOUR FORCE
(thousands)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 245 | 262 | 265 | 275 |
| February | 246 | 261 | 262 | 276 |
| March | 250 | 260 | 267 | 279 |
| April | 248 | 261 | 263 | 278 |
| May | 256 | 258 | 264 | 278 |
| June | 257 | 262 | 266 | |
| July | 255 | 260 | 272 | |
| August | 255 | 260 | 270 | |
| September | 256 | 262 | 268 | |
| October | 258 | 260 | 272 | |
| November | 258 | 262 | 272 | |
| December | 261 | 262 | 272 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.

Table 37 - LABOUR FORCE EMPLOYED
(thousands)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 223 | 233 | 230 | 240 |
| February | 223 | 233 | 228 | 239 |
| March | 227 | 231 | 229 | 242 |
| April | 225 | 232 | 229 | 239 |
| May | 230 | 229 | 231 | 242 |
| June | 231 | 232 | 232 | |
| July | 228 | 232 | 237 | |
| August | 230 | 231 | 233 | |
| September | 231 | 232 | 233 | |
| October | 231 | 231 | 234 | |
| November | 230 | 233 | 234 | |
| December | 234 | 232 | 234 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.

Table 38 - LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYED
(thousands)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 22 | 29 | 35 | 35 |
| February | 23 | 28 | 34 | 37 |
| March | 23 | 29 | 38 | 37 |
| April | 23 | 29 | 34 | 39 |
| May | 26 | 29 | 33 | 36 |
| June | 26 | 30 | 34 | |
| July | 27 | 28 | 35 | |
| August | 25 | 29 | 37 | |
| September | 25 | 30 | 35 | |
| October | 27 | 29 | 38 | |
| November | 28 | 29 | 38 | |
| December | 27 | 30 | 38 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.

Table 39 - LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
(per cent)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 9.0 | 11.1 | 13.2 | 12.7 |
| February | 9.3 | 10.7 | 13.0 | 13.4 |
| March | 9.2 | 11.2 | 14.2 | 13.3 |
| April | 9.3 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 14.0 |
| May | 10.2 | 11.2 | 12.5 | 12.9 |
| June | 10.1 | 11.5 | 12.8 | |
| July | 10.6 | 10.8 | 12.9 | |
| August | 9.8 | 11.2 | 13.7 | |
| September | 9.8 | 11.5 | 13.1 | |
| October | 10.5 | 11.2 | 14.0 | |
| November | 10.9 | 11.1 | 14.0 | |
| December | 10.3 | 11.5 | 14.0 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.

Table 40 - LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE
(per cent)

| Month | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January | 52.6 | 54.6 | 53.8 | 54.6 |
| February | 52.7 | 54.3 | 53.0 | 54.7 |
| March | 53.4 | 53.9 | 53.9 | 55.1 |
| April | 52.9 | 54.0 | 53.0 | 54.8 |
| May | 54.5 | 53.3 | 53.1 | 54.7 |
| June | 54.6 | 53.9 | 53.4 | |
| July | 54.0 | 53.4 | 54.5 | |
| August | 53.8 | 53.3 | 54.0 | |
| September | 53.9 | 53.6 | 53.5 | |
| October | 54.2 | 53.1 | 54.2 | |
| November | 54.1 | 53.4 | 54.1 | |
| December | 54.6 | 53.3 | 54.1 | |

Source: Statistics Canada 71-001.